Arizona Department of Child Safety



Preliminary Report	Near Fatality	06/15/17
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1. Near Fatality Victim: Three year old-female

2. Date of notification to DCS: 08/20/16

- 3. Date of near fatality: 08/20/16
- 4. Date of determination that the near fatality was the result of abuse or neglect*: 05/30/17
- 5. County and general location of the residence of the victim: Maricopa County Phoenix, AZ

6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:

Manuel Quijada-age 23-Mesa, AZ

7. Circumstances of the near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On August 20, 2016, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding a three year old female involved in a near drowning incident. The victim arrived at the hospital where she was determined to be in critical condition. The child was in the care of her father, Manuel Quijada, when she nearly drowned at his home. The Department substantiated the allegation of neglect of the child by her father.

8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)**:

DCS has received no prior reports involving Manuel Quijada and/or the near fatality victim.

9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the near fatality:

A joint investigation was conducted with the Mesa Police Department.

10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home with the near fatality victim were assessed as being safe with those children's parents.

Upon release from the hospital, an assessment of child safety found the near fatality victim as being safe with her parents.

11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

No services were provided by the Department.

*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

** Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e). Posted information may be updated as new information becomes available.